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PUBLISHERS' NOTE

Among Congregational churches there has been an increasing demand for a simple liturgical service book. At the request of the publishers the effort to meet that demand was undertaken by Reuen Thomas, D.D., whose own services have been greatly enriched by a little volume of similar character, partly of his own compilation. His experience, good judgment and fine perception indicated him as eminently well qualified to discharge the task to the satisfaction of the churches.

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INTRODUCTORY

This Book of Devotions is offered in the hope that it may be a help to pastors in their efforts to enrich the services of the Lord's house. While free prayer must ever be regarded as indispensable to the completeness of the worship of assemblies of Christian people, especially as adapting that worship to local and national conditions as they arise, yet liturgical forms of prayer, moving in the region of common human necessities, are undoubtedly not only justifiable but helpful.

A single stereotyped service, repeated over and over again, can scarcely escape the charge of contributing to formality. Yet the mind seems to demand a *certain degree of familiarity* such as is secured by a variety of services, controlled by the same ideas and following the same order; for there is a logical order for public worship. This seems to be that which is observed in this book. Five services are arranged, to include:

I. Invocation (or Invitation to Worship).

II. The Prayer of Confession of Minister and People, which may be offered responsively or not.

III. The Declaration of Divine Mercy (by the Minister, with no trace of priestly absolution in it).

IV. The Word of Adoration (from the people), to be said or sung.

V. Prayers.

VI. THANKSGIVINGS.

VII. ADDITIONAL PRAYERS are furnished, which[1] may be added to those under V, one or more.

Also, a MODIFICATION OF THE ANCIENT LITANY, a service in itself; and a SERVICE, in almost the very words of Scripture, from that most excellent guide in devotional feeling, Bishop Lancelot Andrews. A BAPTISMAL and a COMMUNION SERVICE, both brief, and OFFERTORY SENTENCES from Scripture, are furnished. Practically we have SEVEN SERVICES, enough to prevent formality and enough to secure that agreeable familiarity which the human mind seems to prefer.

The ancient Liturgies and Prayers have been copiously used, as best illustrating the true liturgical instinct. In his most valuable book on "Christian Institutions," Prof. A. V. G. Allen writes: "The spiritual imagination which produced the ancient liturgies lost its creative power after the fifteenth century, since when there has been no further liturgical development." Yet the liturgical instinct has often reappeared in modern men, and from the most devotional spirits of recent times, whose work has been preserved, prayers have been selected which seem to contain something of the old simplicity and fragrance. It need hardly be suggested to ministers that they make themselves thoroughly familiar with these *before using them in public worship.*

[1] From these ADDITIONAL PRAYERS most suitable selections may be made for family worship.

Personal Prayers before Church Service

O life-giving Master and Bestower of all good things, who hast given to men the blessed hope of everlasting life, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant us to perform this divine service unto thee, with sincerity and honesty of heart, that we may enjoy the blessedness that is and the fruition which is to come; and being evermore guarded by thy power, and guided into the light of truth, may continually render unto thee all glory and thanksgiving. AMEN.[1]

O Benignant King of the Ages and Master of all Creation, receive thy Church approaching thee through Christ; fulfil for each of us what is good for him; bring us all into willing surrender to thyself, uniting us with one heart and mind in devout worship and praise. Make us all true members of that Holy Church which thou hast purchased with the precious blood of thine only Begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, with whom, and with thine all holy, good and life-giving Spirit, thou art blessed and glorified for ever. AMEN.[2]

[1] Liturgy of St. James. [2] *Ibid.*

Devotional Services for Public Worship

SERVICE No. 1.

THE INVOCATION.

Lord our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promises for those that love thee with their whole heart: who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto thee, the Hope of those who cry unto thee; cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness; cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clean soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF MINISTER AND PEOPLE (offered responsively).

(Adaptation of Psalm 51.)

Minister. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:

People. **According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.**

[1] Coptic Liturgy of S. Basil.

Hide thy face from our sins,

And blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from thy presence;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation;

And uphold us with a willing spirit.

Then will we teach transgressors thy ways;

And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. AMEN.[1]

THE DECLARATION OF DIVINE MERCY (by Minister).

"The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him."[2]

[1] The chanting of the *Amen* by Choir and Congregation always adds vitality and dignity to worship.

[2] 2 Chron. 30: 9.

"The Lord is full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever." [1]

"The Lord is slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression.[2]

"His mercy is unto generations and generations on them that fear him." [3]

"Where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly: that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." [4]

THE WORD OF ADORATION FROM PEOPLE (said or sung).

"Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing." [5]

HYMN, followed by reading of Scripture.

Then an ANTHEM or CHANT.

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH MILITANT.[6]

Almighty and ever living God, who, by thy holy Apostle, hast taught us to make prayers

[1] Ps. 103: 8, 9. [2] Num. 14: 18. [3] Luke 1: 50.
[4] Rom. 5: 20, 21. [5] Rev. 5: 12. [6] Anglican Communion Service.

and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully (*to accept our alms and oblations and*) to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers that they may truly and impartially administer justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice and to the maintenance of true integrity and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors and other ministers in thy Church, that they may, both by their life and teaching, set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We also

bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION.

Almighty God, of whose righteous will all things are and were created; thou hast gathered our people into a great nation and hast given them the treasures of the land and of the sea. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness, and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts, reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. Bless the President of the nation and all in authority. To our legislators and counselors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right and our judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how thou hatest robbery for burnt offering. May the gains of industry be all upright and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times, and our deepest trust

be in thee, the Lord of Nations and the alone Righteous Sovereign of men. AMEN.[1]

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

Our heavenly Father, we thank thee for our being, for all the hope that is in us, for the dawnings of that immortality which thou hast revealed to us through Christ our Risen and Ascended Lord. We thank thee for the mercies of the family, for the love of father and mother, for all helpful relations in society, for the fellowship of thy people, for days of peace, for the Sabbaths that come like doves from heaven, bearing olive branches of peace. We thank thee as citizens for our country and its benedictions and opportunities. We thank thee for all commercial prosperity, for the abundance thou givest us by land and sea. We thank thee for the great redemption, for the ever-present helpfulness of thy Holy Spirit, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. Fill our hearts with filial confidence and sober gladness that we may live as thy children and be prepared for the higher duties and holier fellowships of the eternal world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

[1] Adapted from Hunter's Devotional Services.

[2] Adapted from Prayers by H. W. Beecher.

PRAYER RESPONSE (by Choir).

HYMN.

SERMON, preceded by brief *ex tempore* prayer.

SERVICE No. 2

INVITATION TO WORSHIP.

"The day of resurrection has dawned upon us, the day of true light and life, wherein Christ, the Life of believers, arose from the dead. Let us give abundant thanks and praise to God that while we celebrate the first day of the week, he may be pleased to bestow on us quiet peace and special gladness; so that being protected from morning to night by his favoring mercy, we may rejoice in the gift of our Redeemer."[1]

PRAYER.

"In this hour of this day fill us, O Lord, with a sense of thy merciful goodness, that, rejoicing through the whole day, we may take delight in thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF MINISTER AND PEOPLE.

Minister. The pardon and remission of all our sins, and of all our transgressions, *we will ask* from the Lord.

[1] Mozarabic.

People. **That we may fulfil the time that remaineth of our life in repentance and godly fear, in health and peace,** *we will ask from the Lord.*[1]

That whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, whatsoever in these we have offended, we will ask the Lord for pardon and renewal of righteous will.

That the end of our life may be Christian, without sin, and without shame, without pain also and dread, we will ask from the Lord pardon and peace, now and ever. AMEN.

THE DECLARATION OF DIVINE MERCY.

"He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." [2]

"Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the skies." [3]

"The Lord hath made known his salvation. He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel." [4]

Liturgy of St. Chrysostom.

[2] Ps. 32: 10. [3] Ps. 57: 10. [4] Ps. 98: 2, 3.

"If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world."[1]

A Song of Adoration (from people).

"Gloria in Excelsis" or Doxology, or Sanctus.

Hymn, followed by reading of Scripture.

Then Anthem or Chant.

Prayer for Strength.

O Lord God, strong and mighty, we would draw near to thee, confessing our weakness, beseeching thee to make us strong. We would be strong in body that we may do our work in life well and cheerfully. We would, O Lord, be strong in heart, full of courage, lightly regarding pain and danger when they lie in the way of duty. We would be strong in love, tender-hearted, loving our neighbor as ourselves and thee supremely with all our strength.

We would be strong in faith, believing thy word and thy promises; ever trusting in the victory of good over evil; ever confident that

[1] 1 John 2: 1, 2.

all things work together for good to them that love thee.

We would be strong in hope; undaunted by seeming defeat; ever looking beyond the mists and clouds of time, into the clear shining of the eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord, who art our Strength and our Redeemer, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

Mercifully regard, O Lord, the prayers of thy faithful people, and while they submit themselves to thee with their whole heart, do thou prosper, support, encompass them; that relying on thee as their Guide, they may be entangled in no evils, and replenished with all good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR CONTENTMENT.

Grant, O Lord, that thy family, devoted to thy service, and confiding in thy protection, may obtain the blessing which they humbly implore; that being at rest under thy defence they may not be left without temporal blessings, and, by their wise and diligent use, may be prepared for the good things which are eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.[2]

[1] Leonine. [2] *Ibid.* (altered).

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.

O God, who hast made all those that are born again in Christ to be a royal and priestly race, grant us both the will and the power to do what thou commandest; that thy people who are called to eternal life may have the same faith in their hearts and the same piety in their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.[1]

Behold, O Lord, how thy faithful people rejoice in the triumph of the Cross and the power of the Saviour; grant, therefore, that those who love thy Church may abide in her peace, and those who depart from her may one day come back to her embrace; that when all sorrows are taken away, they may all be refreshed with the joys of our eternal resurrection, and be made partakers of her peace for ever and ever. AMEN.[2]

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Almighty God, grant, we beseech thee, that thy Word may be preached in the earth, until all nations shall have heard the glorious truth of the one living and true God; the intellect no longer degraded; the reason no longer offered up in superstitious sacrifice; but man, body, soul and spirit, thine — thy wandered child,

[1] Gelasian. [2] Mozarabic.

thy strayed sheep, but called by thy undying love back to thyself, until at last the wide, wide world shall know the Father-God, and there shall be but one fold and one Shepherd, one God and Father of us all. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR NATION.

In thee, O Lord, our fathers trusted; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

To thee they cried and they were saved; in thee they trusted and were not confounded.[2]

As thou deliveredst our fathers in the generations of old, so deliver us also, O Lord, who put our trust in thee.

May the power of the Father guide and guard us; the wisdom of the Son enlighten us; the working of the Spirit quicken us.

And unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly far beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, to him be glory in the Church unto all the generations through ages of ages.[3] AMEN.[4]

Or this,

O Lord God of Nations, thou who makest of one blood all men to dwell upon the face of the

[1] George Dawson (modified). [2] Ps. 22: 3, 4.
[3] Eph. 3: 20, 21. [4] Lancelot Andrews.

earth, look upon this thy people. When our hearts are sick and our souls sad, we look to thee. Let the nation know what makes a people great. If we have been wandering from thee, looking upon merchandise as our only glory, and wealth as our only good, in thy great mercy pity us. Let us remember the holy teachings of the past, the story of the times that are gone. Wake us up from our indifference to right and our love of mammon. Let us be filled with great thoughts, noble patriotism, great and holy purposes, that we may lend to our land the grace of true citizenship, of goodness, and of truth. May we know thee as the Rock of our Defence, our strong Tower, our mighty Refuge, our Sovereign Ruler, and our Everlasting Hope; for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving for the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes and all our home blessings; for our friends and all the pure pleasures of social intercourse; for all true knowledge of thee and the world in which we live; for thy Church and its communion; for prophets and apostles and

[1] George Dawson (modified).

all earnest seekers after truth; especially for the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ; for the presence and inspiration of the Holy Spirit; for all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest; for the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world, and for the revelation of the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Grant that we may praise thee not only with our lips, but in faithful and consecrated lives. And may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER.

We commend unto thee, O Lord, our souls and our bodies, our minds and our thoughts, our supplications and our prayers, our senses and our members, our life and our death, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and all their children, our friends and all who have done us good, all who have been commended to our prayers, our Fatherland and the whole Christian people in this land and throughout the world. AMEN.[2]

The Lord bless us, and keep us:

[1] Adapted from Rev. Dr. John Hunter's Service Book.
[2] Bp. Lancelot Andrews.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.[1]

PRAYER RESPONSE (by Choir).

HYMN.

SERMON.

SERVICE No. 3.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP.

"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give thanks unto him, and bless his name. Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.

O Lord God, holy and just and good, be merciful to us and pardon us who have sinned against thy holiness and justice and goodness. Against thee, thee only have we sinned. Light hath come into the world; we being evil have loved the darkness rather than the light. We

[1] Num. 6: 24-26.

have known what is good and what the Lord doth require of us. Neglecting to do thy will and transgressing thy holy commandment, we are without excuse. Thou hast given us faculties to be used and time to be spent for thy glory, but we have used our gifts vainly and misused them sinfully, and have brought into ourselves the fear of death. Forgive us, O Lord, all this our sin and blindness. Forgive us that though thy works declare thy glory we have not rejoiced in beholding it. Forgive us that we have not welcomed thy grace revealed to us in Jesus Christ.[1] Pardon and absolve, we beseech thee, all those that truly repent and unfeignedly receive thy holy gospel. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee, and mercifully grant unto us that we may be delivered by thine almighty power from all bonds and chains of sin, whether in our bodies or in our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

THE DECLARATION OF DIVINE MERCY (by the Minister).

I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.[3]

[1] Prayers for Public Worship, Rev. John Surface, D.D.
[2] Roman Breviary. [3] Jer. 31:3.

Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens, It shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.[1]

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.[2]

THE WORD OF ADORATION (by People).

Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion for ever and ever.

HYMN, followed by reading of Scripture.

ANTHEM or CHANT.

Let us pray.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what thou wouldest

[1] Is. 65: 24. [2] Ezek. 36: 26, 27. [3] Rev. 5: 13.

have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy strait path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR PURITY.

O God, the Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ, whose name is great, whose nature is blissful, whose goodness is inexhaustible, God and Ruler of all things, who art blessed for ever; before whom stand thousands and thouands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, the hosts of holy angels and archangels; sanctify, O Lord, our souls and bodies and spirits, search our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger and all that is contrary to thy holy will. And grant us, O Lord, Lover of Men, with a pure heart and contrite soul, to call upon thee, our Holy God and Father who art in heaven. AMEN.[2]

PRAYER FOR UNITY.

O God our Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace and concord; do thou make

[1] William Bright. [2] Liturgy of St. James, 2d century.

to cease the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into a unity of love, which may bear some likeness to thy sublime nature. And as thou art above all things, make us one by the unanimity of a good mind, that through the embrace of charity and the bonds of affection we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as in each other, through that peace of thine which maketh all things peaceful and through the grace, mercy and tenderness of thine only-begotten Son. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Be pleased, Almighty God, to appear for the nations of the earth. Stretch forth thine arm and come among us and with great might succor us. Look upon the peoples despoiled by war and oppression. Listen to the sighing of broken and bleeding hearts in lands where cruelty rages and lust pollutes. What time thou risest the storms of passion shall be allayed. Keep us in calm expectation of thy coming. Keep us from fear and the disaster of hopeless doubt. Help us to serve in the night as in the day, until the morning of thy great power dawns and everywhere are found righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

[1] Jacobite Liturgy of St. Dionysius.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

O thou Most High, we would give thanks unto thy name and show forth thy praise in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. We laud and praise thy name for all that has made life gladsome to us, to all we love, and to the whole race of man. Grant, also, that for tribulations which have brought us wisdom, and sorrows which have taught us sympathy, we may learn to bless thy Holy Name. Especially we thank thee for the knowledge of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, and for the gift of that Holy Spirit without whom nothing is strong and nothing holy. O thou whose mercies cannot be numbered, whose perfections cannot be uttered, grant that we may be enabled by thy grace so to use all thy mercies that we may be changed more and more into thy likeness and that our imperfection may put on the image of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER RESPONSE (by Choir).

HYMN.

SERMON.

[1] Adapted from Prayers for Public Worship, John Service, D.D.

SERVICE No. 4.

Invitation to Worship.

Let us now lift up our hearts.[1]

With our eyes and hands to God in the heavens.[2]

Let us stir up ourselves to take hold on God,[3] and to seek his face and to give him the glory due unto his name.[4]

Let us now with humble boldness enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he hath consecrated for us.[5]

Invocation.

Mercifully receive, O Lord, the prayers of thy Church; that all adversities and errors may be destroyed, and it may serve thee in quiet freedom, and give thy peace in our times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[6]

The Prayer of Confession.

Minister. O thou who puttest no trust in thy saints and the heavens are not clean in thy sight, how much less man who has sinned against thee and done wickedly; thou, even

[1] Lam. 3:41. [2] John 17:1. [3] Is. 64:7.
[4] Ps. 27:8; 29:2. [5] Heb. 10:19, 20. [6] Leonine.

thou, art to be reverenced and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?[1]

People. **If we justify ourselves our own mouth shall condemn us; if we say we are perfect that also shall prove us perverse; for if thou contend with us, we are not able to answer thee.[2]**

Our Father, we ourselves know that we have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children.[3]

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared; with thee there is mercy, yea, with our God there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem us from all our iniquities.[4]

Though thou art the high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy; though the heaven be thy throne and the earth thy footstool, yet to the poor and humble, the broken and contrite spirit, thou wilt look, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.

[1] Job 15:15, 16; Ps. 76:7. [2] Job 9:3. [3] Luke 15:21. [4] Ps. 130.

Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us and give us peace. AMEN.

THE DECLARATION OF DIVINE MERCY (Minister).

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good; they run to and fro through the earth, that thou mayest show thyself strong on the behalf of those whose hearts are upright with thee. Thy lovingkindness is great toward us. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth; keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.

THE WORD OF ADORATION (from People).

Truly God is good to Israel, even to them that are of a clean heart. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name. AMEN.

HYMN, followed by reading of Scripture.

ANTHEM OR CHANT.

PRAYER FOR PURITY OF SOUL.

O Almighty God, give to thy servants meekness and gentleness of spirit. May we be slow to anger and easy to mercy and forgiveness.

Give us wise and constant hearts that we may never be moved to intemperate anger for injuries done or offered. Keep us from a peevish and contentious spirit. May we follow peace with all men. Give us grace to see and readiness to confess our errors, seeking amendment and reconciliation of life. Let no sickness or weariness or condition of life make us unthankful to thee or ungentle to those who minister to us. In all things may the spirit of Jesus inform and renew our spirits; for his name's sake. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR DAILY HELP.

Preserve us blameless, O Lord, in our doings and endurances this day. Fill us with the simplicity of a divine purpose, that we may be inwardly at one with thy Holy Will, and lifted above vain wishes of our own. May we heartily surrender all our powers to the work which thou hast given us to do; rejoicing in any toil, and fainting under no hardness that may befall us as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; counting it our highest aspiration to join the company of the faithful who have kept thy Name and witnessed to thy kingdom in every age. Prepare us to seek our best, not in outward ease, but in inward devotedness; give us the

[1] Adapted from Jeremy Taylor.

peace of Christ while we remain here and then receive us unto thyself to mingle with the company of the redeemed from sin and death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR REFUGE IN TROUBLE.

Almighty God, the refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that in all our trouble of this our mortal life, we may flee to the knowledge of thy lovingkindness and tender mercy; that so sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within us. Whatsoever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that thou art our Father. Grant us thy light, that we may walk without stumbling the path that leads to Eternal Life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

PRAYER FOR RULERS.

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are taught by thy Holy Word that the hearts of men are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as seemeth best to thy godly wisdom. We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the hearts of thy

[1] Adapted from James Martineau. [2] George Dawson.

servants the President of the United States, and of all judges, governors and magistrates, that they may ever seek thy honor and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to their charge in health, peace and godliness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

Our Father-God, we would thank thee with our whole heart, and bless thy name for ever and ever; thou hast done all things well. When we were in sorrow and saw no light, thou hadst pity upon us that we perished not. We cried to thee in our trouble and thou didst hear our voice; our cry entered into thine ears, and thou didst comfort us. In great faithfulness thou hast stood beside us, and as a Father thou hast rescued us from the waves which threatened to overwhelm us.

Our Father-God, how shall we thank thee for all the benefits thou dost shower daily upon us? We will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. His praises shall always be on our lips. O Lord our God, govern, guide and lead us that we may daily grow in gratitude and love to thee, through thy dear Son our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

[1] Adapted from Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

who with thee and the Holy Spirit ever liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER RESPONSE (by Choir).

HYMN.

SERMON.

SERVICE No. 5.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation; let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.[2]

INVOCATION.

O Eternal God, thou self-existent Light, which wast from the beginning, Maker of all creatures, Fountain of Mercy, Ocean of Goodness, thou Fathomless Abyss of Lovingkindness, suffer now the light of thy countenance to arise upon us. Shine into our hearts, O thou true Sun of Righteousness, and fill our souls with thy beauty. Teach us to recognize and acknowl-

[1] B. Albrecht, A.D. 1569. [2] Ps. 95.

edge thee at every moment as our Lord and Benefactor. Direct the work of our hands. Lead us to do that which is wellpleasing in thy sight; so that through us thy Holy Name may be glorified now and ever. AMEN.[1]

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION.

Gracious and Merciful Lord, we thank thee that while the knowledge of thee convinces us of sin, we are encouraged by that knowledge to confess our sin, and are assured that if we confess our sin, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thou hast placed our sin, even our secret sin, in the light of thy countenance. In Jesus Christ we see all thy goodness and all our evil, all thy perfection and all our infirmity and unworthiness. Revealing thy love to us thou hast manifested our selfishness. Our knowledge of thee makes us see that we are unprofitable servants. Convince us of our sin. Enable us to repent of that evil we still love. No longer let us resist thy grace. Save us, O Lord, from wilfulness and weakness, and make us strong in thee and in the power of thy might; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

[1] Basil, A.D. 379. [2] Adapted from Prayers for Public Worship.

THE DECLARATION OF DIVINE MERCY (by the Minister).

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.[1] The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.[2]

He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.[3]

He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; the earth is full of his mercy. The Lord has formed us for himself that we might show forth his praise.[4]

THE WORD OF ADORATION (from People).

In thee, O God, we live and move and have our being; we are thine offspring.[5] It is of thy mercies we are not consumed because thy compassions fail not; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.[6]

HYMN, followed by Reading of Scripture.

ANTHEM OR CHANT.

PRAYER.

[1] Ps. 145: 8; Lam. 3: 32. [2] Ps. 147: 11. [3] Matt. 5: 45. [4] Acts 17; Ps. 119; Is. 43. [5] Acts 17. [6] Lam. 3.

For Renewal of Spiritual Life.

We worship thee, Almighty God, as the *living* God, desiring that thy life being in us, we may set forth thy praise and magnify thy Holy Name. If there be in us any holy thing that is dying, any lovely thing that needs the quickening of thy word, fair things that have fallen into feebleness, and our faith is faint and hope is dead, O Spirit of the Living God, stir these things within us, that we, full of the life of God, may be enabled to live godly, walk humbly, die peacefully, and at last enter into the life everlasting. Of thy mercy we beseech thee to hear our supplications; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[1]

For Calm Trust in Stormy Days.

Almighty God, Lord of the storm and of the calm, the vexed sea and the quiet haven, of day and of night, of life and of death; grant unto us so to have our hearts stayed upon thy faithfulness, thine unchangingness, and love, that whatever betide us, however black the cloud or dark the night, with quiet faith trusting in thee, we may look upon thee with untroubled eye, and walking in lowliness towards thee and in lovingkindness towards one another, abide all storms and troubles of this mortal

[1] Dawson.

life, beseeching thee that they may turn to the soul's true good. We ask it for thy mercy's sake, shown in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER FOR CONSISTENCY.

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent they may return to the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.[2]

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.

O God our Father, since thou hast called us with a holy calling into the community of thy disciples, into thy Church on earth, we pray thee to bless and keep all our brethren in all places. Defend, sanctify, comfort and provide for them and preserve them by thy grace unto Eternal Life. Console the sad, strengthen the weak, raise up the fallen, bring the lost and wandering back, and sanctify them by thy truth. Bring also the unbelievers throughout the world unto the knowledge of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ; and have mercy on all men. AMEN.[3]

[1] Prayers, Dawson. [2] Anglican Liturgy. [3] Scriver, A.D. 1629.

Prayer for the Nation.

Our Father-God, who hast the hearts of all men under thy rule and governance, give us in all places faithful and conscientious rulers, men who love justice and peace. Bestow on them the spirit of wisdom, firmness and the fear of thee. Bless their administration of government. Direct it to the honor of thy name, the protection of thy Church, and the temporal and eternal welfare of all godly and upright men. In our own country and throughout Christendom give and maintain to us blessed peace, that we may pass our lives in rest and quietness, and realize the righteousness and goodness of the Kingdom of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[1]

The Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we thank thee that in Jesus Christ thou hast made an everlasting covenant with us, ordered in all things and sure; that though the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, the covenant of thy peace abides. We thank thee for all the means of life shed upon the soul. We thank thee whenever the beauty of the world doth lift us up to the contemplation of thy goodness; when through the golden west we

[1] Adapted from Scriver, A.D. 1629.

gaze and the soul has sight of the heavenly things beyond, to which this earthly glory is but the portal. We give thee thanks when thou givest us grace to bear the labors of the day, the sad watches of the night, and to deny ourselves for others. For all the rays of divine light which reach us through the lives and deeds of any of thy children, we give thee thanks. For our creation and preservation and all the blessings of this life, for the means of grace and the hope of glory we give thee thanks. For thy holy Sabbaths; for all prophets, apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers, we give thee thanks. Through thy grace help us to triumph over sin and death that we may enter into the joy of victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYER RESPONSE (by Choir).

HYMN.

SERMON.

Additional Prayers

(May be used in any service.)

A GENERAL PLEADING.

We, thy servants, do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord, when entering into thy great intercession. We pray:

That it may please thee to grant to our brethren in foreign and home mission fields such wisdom and grace that they may adorn the doctrine of Christ in all pure and noble living.

That it may please thee to be with them in all suffering and trial.

That it may please thee to defend them from dangerous enemies.

That it may please thee so to support and strengthen all who have come into the faith of Christ through their labors that they may stand firmly and do valiantly against all persecutions and temptations.

That it may please thee to enlighten and direct all who are called by thy churches to be their administrators in extending the influence of thy Holy Truth throughout all the world.

That it may please thee to illuminate all teachers of the young with true knowledge and a good understanding. Purify their hearts by the love of thyself as manifested in Christ Jesus our Lord, that through them thy life-giving Spirit may reach all the younger children of thy great family on earth.

That it may please thee to multiply to us Christian homes. Let thy Fatherly love be seen in godly households. Thy promise is to children's children to the third and fourth generations of them that fear thee. Let our

earthly homes be foretastes of that heavenly communion to which all thy people aspire. Defend them, we pray thee, from the plague that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Unite them together in the unity of thy Holy Church, that, delivered from all selfishness of life, they may experience and illustrate the greatness of thy mercy.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people the will and the power[1] to repent of selfishness, indolence, want of sympathy with others, and especially with thy persecuted ones of the household of faith.

That it may please thee to give encouragement to beginners, give intelligence to the little ones, give aid to those who are running their course. Give seriousness to the negligent, give fervor of spirit to the lukewarm, give to the aged a good consummation of all their righteous hopes; through Jesus Christ. AMEN.[2]

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

O Almighty and Most Merciful Saviour and Lord, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and wouldest not that any should perish, but

[1] Affectum et Effectum, Mart. II, 1066.
[2] Modelled on various Gallican Litanies.

that all should come to the saving knowledge of the truth; fulfil, we beseech thee, thy gracious promise to be present with those who go forth in thy name to preach the gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils of land and water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we pray thee, with thy continual favor, and let thy Holy Spirit be their ever-present Teacher, Comforter and Guide. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake, and grant that all who are called by thy name may be one in thee, and may abound more and more in prayer and offerings for the building up of thy kingdom throughout the world. AMEN.[1]

FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

Remember, O Lord, to cover the year with thy goodness. For the eyes of all wait upon thee. Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. To us, also, O Lord, vouchsafe the blessings of heaven

[1] General Liturgy by Professor Hopkins.

and of the dew from above, the blessings of the springs and of the deep from beneath, the fulness of the earth and its productions, favorable seasons, abundance of fruits, bodily health and peaceful times, that our garners may be full of all manner of stores. Grant, also, of thy mercy, that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth and our daughters as corner-stones hewn after the fashion of a palace. Happy the people that is in such a case, yea, happy the people whose God is the Lord. AMEN.[1]

FOR SIMPLICITY OF ALLEGIANCE.

Almighty and Everlasting God, thou Lover of peace and concord, who hast called us in Christ to love and unity, we pray thee so to rule our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we, being delivered by the true fear of God from all fear of man, may evermore serve thee in righteousness, mercy, humility and gentleness towards each other; through thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

FOR PURITY OF HEART.

Grant unto us, Almighty God, that we, communing with one another and with thee, may

[1] Ps. 65: 11; 145: 15; Deut. 33: 13; Ps. 144: 15.
[2] Bunsen's collection.

feel our hearts burn within us, until all pure and just and holy and noble things of God and man may be to us lovely, and we may find nothing to fear but that which is hateful in thine eyes, and nothing worth seeking but that which is lovely and fair therein. Let the divine brightness and peace possess our souls, so that fearing neither life nor death, we may look to thy lovingkindness and tender mercy to lift us above that which is low and mean within us, and at last to give the spirit within us the victory and bring us safe through death's portal into the life everlasting. Hear us of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

FOR THE DIVINE INDWELLING.

O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse thy grace, and descend plentifully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there thy cheerful beams. Dwell in the soul that longs to be thy temple; water our heart's barren soil, overrun with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with thy dew from heaven. Oh, come, thou refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come, thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; thou only Haven of the

[1] Prayers by George Dawson.

tossed and shipwrecked. Come, thou Glory and Crown of the living and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive thee. AMEN.[1]

PRAYER OF CONTRITION.

O Searcher of Hearts, thou knowest us better than we know ourselves, and seest the sins which our sinfulness hides from us. Yet even our own conscience beareth witness against us, that we often slumber on our appointed watch; that we walk not always lovingly with each other and humbly with thee; that we withhold that entire sacrifice of ourselves to thy perfect will, without which we are not crucified with Christ, or sharers in his redemption. Oh, look upon our contrition, and lift up our weakness, and let the Dayspring yet arise within our hearts, and bring us healing, strength and joy. Day by day may we grow in faith, in self-denial, in charity, in heavenly-mindedness. And then, mingle us at last with the mighty host of thy redeemed for evermore. AMEN.[2]

FOR HELP IN TROUBLE.

O God, who seest all our weaknesses, and the troubles we labor under, have regard unto the

[1] St. Augustine. [2] James Martineau.

prayers of thy servants, who stand in need of thy comfort, thy direction and thy help. Thou alone knowest what is best for us; let us never dispute thy wisdom or thy goodness. Lord, so prepare our hearts that no affliction may ever so surprise as to overbear us. Dispose us at all times to a readiness to suffer what thy providence shall order or permit. Grant that we may never murmur at thy appointments, nor be exasperated at the ministers of thy Providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

FOR DIVINE PROTECTION.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

IN THE TIME OF TEMPTATION.

O Lord, succor, we beseech thee, us who are tempted. May nothing induce us to distrust thy care over us, nor to use thy gifts to the denial of thee, their Giver. May we never

[1] Thomas Wilson, A.D. 1663. [2] Gregorian, A.D. 590.

presume upon thy protection when we are forsaking thy paths and tempting thee. May we never, for the sake of any supposed gain or advancement, quench the testimony of thy Spirit, or prove disloyal to thy service. Do thou so support us in all temptations that, when we have been tried, we may receive the crown of life, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. AMEN.[1]

FOR INWARD CLEANSING.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

FOR PARDON AND STRENGTH.

Praised be thou, O God, Almighty Ruler, who dost make the day bright with thy sunshine and the night with the beams of heavenly fires! Listen now to our prayers, and forgive us both our conscious and unconscious transgressions. Clothe us with the armor of righteousness; shield us with thy truth; watch over us with thy power; save us from all calamity, and give

[1] Henry Alford. [2] Gregorian Sacramentary, A.D. 590.

us grace to pass all the days of our life blameless, holy, peaceful, free from sin, terror and offence. For with thee is mercy and plenteous redemption, our Lord and God, and to thee we bring our thanks and praise. AMEN.[1]

FOR BROTHERLY LOVE.

O God of Love, who hast given a new commandment through thine only-begotten Son that we should love one another, even as thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray thee, Lord, give to us, thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

FOR THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL.

O Lord our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace; accept now in thy endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of thy ever-

[1] Greek Church. [2] Coptic Liturgy of St. Cyril.

lasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brethren by land or sea, or wherever they may be in thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of thy grace and succor. Pour out upon them the riches of thy mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, we may ever praise thy wonderful and holy Name. AMEN.[1]

FOR FITNESS TO DO THE WORK OF LIFE.

O God, our Everlasting Refuge, with grateful hearts we lay at thy feet the folded hours when thou knowest us but we know not thee; and with joy receive from thy hand once more our open task and conscious communion with thy life and thought. Day by day liken us more to the spirits of the departed wise and good; and fit us in our generation to carry on their work below, till we are ready for more perfect union with them above. If ever we faint under any appointed cross and say, "It is too hard to bear," may we look to the steps of the Man of Sorrows toiling on to Calvary, and pass freely into thy hand, and become one with him and thee. Dedicate us anew to the joyful service of thy will; and own us as thy children in time and in eternity. AMEN.[2]

[1] Greek Church. [2] James Martineau.

For Victory.

Almighty and Merciful God, who dost grant unto thy faithful people the grace to make every path of life temporal the strait and narrow way which leadeth unto life eternal, grant that we who know that we have no strength of ourselves to help ourselves, and therefore do put all our trust in thine Almighty power, may, by the assistance of thy heavenly grace, always prevail in all things, against whatsoever shall arise to fight against us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[1]

For Divine Comfort.

O God, who makest cheerfulness the companion of strength, but apt to take wings in time of sorrow, we humbly beseech thee that if, in thy sovereign wisdom, thou sendest weakness, yet, for thy mercy's sake, deny us not the comfort of patience. Lay not more upon us, O heavenly Father, than thou wilt enable us to bear, and, since the fretfulness of our spirits is more hurtful than the heaviness of our burden, grant us that heavenly calmness which comes of owning thy hand in all things, and patience in the trust that thou doest all things well; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[2]

[1] Roman Breviary. [2] Rowland Williams.

For Deeper Trust in the Life Everlasting.

O God our Father, help us to a deeper trust in the life everlasting. May we feel that this love which is now ever shall be. This robe of the flesh is thy gift to thy child, and when it is worn out thou wilt clothe him again. This work of life is the work thou hast given us to do, and when it is done, thou wilt give us more. This love, that makes all our life so glad, flows from thee, for thou art Love, and in thy love we shall forever live. Help us to perceive how, day by day, we see some dim shadow of the eternal day that will break upon us at the last. May the Gospel of thy Son, the whisper of thy Spirit, unite to make our faith in the life to come strong and clear. Then shall we be glad when thou shalt call us and enter into thy glory, in Jesus Christ. Amen.[1]

For the Peace of God.

O God, who art the Unsearchable Abyss of Peace, the Ineffable Sea of Love, the Fountain of all Blessings, the Bestower of all Affection, who sendest peace to those who will receive it; open to us this day the fountains of thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of thy grace. Make us children of quiet-

[1] Robert Collyer.

ness and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of thy love; strengthen our weakness by thy power; bind us closely to thee and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou, being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. AMEN.[2]

FOR ENLIGHTENMENT.

Almighty God, who art the Giver of all wisdom, enlighten our understanding with knowledge of right, and govern our wills by thy laws, that no deceit may mislead us, or temptations corrupt us; that we may always endeavor to do good and hinder evil. Amidst all the hopes and fears of this world, take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but grant that our thoughts may be fixed on thee and that we may finally attain everlasting happiness; for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.[3]

[1] Syriac Clementine Liturgy. [2] Gregorian, A.D. 590.
[3] Samuel Johnson, A.D. 1709.

For the Sorrowful.

O God, who art the Author of love and the Lover of pure peace and affection, let all who are terrified by fears, afflicted by poverty, harassed by tribulation, worn down by illness, be set free by thine indulgent tenderness, raised up to amendment of life and cherished by thy daily compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[1]

A Service of Thanksgiving[2]

Minister. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High.

Lift up your hearts:

People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we call to remembrance thy loving kindness and thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and with grateful hearts we would lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving.

For all the gifts which thou hast bestowed upon us and our race; for the life thou hast given us, and the world in which we live:

[1] Gallican Sacramentary, A.D. 800.
[2] John Hunter, D.D.

We praise thee, O God.

For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things:

We praise thee, O God.

For the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings:

We praise thee, O God.

For all the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes and all our home blessings; for our friends and all the pure pleasures of social intercourse; for the love, sympathy and good will of men:

We praise thee, O God.

For all the blessings of civilization, wise government and legislation; for education, and all the privileges we enjoy through literature, science and art; for the help and counsel of those who are wiser and better than ourselves:

We praise thee, O God.

For all true knowledge of thee and the world in which we live, and the life of truth and righteousness and divine communion to which thou hast called us; for prophets and apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and gifted men and women:

We praise thee, O God.

For the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ, and all the helps and hopes which are ours as his disciples; for the presence and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and for all the ministries of thy truth and grace:

We praise thee, O God.

For communion with thee, the Father of our spirits; for the light and peace that are gained through trust and obedience, and the darkness and disquietude which befall us when we disobey thy laws and follow our lower desires and selfish passions:

We praise thee, O God.

For the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity of serving our generation according to thy will, and manifesting the grace of Christ to men:

We praise thee, O God.

For all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest, and brought into closer sympathy with our suffering brethren; for troubles which have lifted us nearer thee and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ:

We praise thee, O God.

For the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills the saddest and the last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope:

We praise thee, O God.

God of all grace and love, we have praised thee with our lips: grant that we may also praise thee in consecrated and faithful lives. And may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer:

AMEN.

A Service of Petition and Adoration, mostly in Words of Holy Writ[1]

(Which may be used responsively by Minister and People or by Minister alone.)

O Thou that art the Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of all afar off upon the sea: (*Ps.* 65: 5.)

O Thou in whom our fathers trusted and thou didst deliver them, on whom they waited and were not confounded; (*Ps.* 22: 4.)

O Thou who hast been our hope from our youth; (*Ps.* 71: 5.)

Be Thou our hope now and evermore, and our portion in the land of the living. (*Ps.* 142: 5.)

O thou Preserver of men, thou Lord and lover of men,

Remember all our race, and as thou hast shut up all unto unbelief, O Lord, have mercy upon all. (*Rom.* 11: 32.)

O Thou who to this end didst die and live again, that thou mightest be Lord both of the dead and living,

Whether we live or whether we die, thou art our Lord; have mercy upon us, living and dying, O Lord.

[1] Bp. Lancelot Andrews.

O Help of the helpless, our timely Refuge in affliction,

Remember all that are in necessity and need thy help. O God of grace and truth, stablish all who are standing in truth and grace, restore all who are sick with heresies and sins.

O Saving Strength of thine Anointed, (*Ps.* 28: 8.)

Remember thy congregation which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. O let the heart and soul of all believers again become one. (*Ps.* 74: 2.)

O Thou that walkest in the midst of the golden candlesticks, (*Rev.* 2: 1.)

Remove not our candlestick from its place; set in order the things that are wanting; strengthen the things which remain, which thou wast about to cast off.

O Lord of the harvest, (*Matt.* 9: 38.)

Send forth laborers made sufficient by thee into thine harvest.

O Thou that art the portion of them that attend upon thy sanctuary,

Grant to thy ministers rightly to divide the word of truth and to walk uprightly therein. (2 *Tim.* 2: 15.)

Grant to the Christ-loving people to receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to make them wise unto salvation. (*Jas.* 1:21.)

O King of all nations unto the ends of the earth,

Strengthen all righteous government throughout the world. Scatter the nations that delight in war; make wars to cease unto the ends of the earth. (*Ps.* 68:30; 46:9.)

O Thou by whom the powers that be are ordained, (*Rom.* 13:1.)

Grant to them that are eminent in place, eminence in virtue and in the fear of thee; to them that are in power over us to have power in nothing against the truth but for the truth; to our judges grant thine own just judgments, that they may judge all persons in all causes without prejudice and without partiality. (2 *Cor.* 13:8.)

O God, not of us alone but also of our offspring,

Bless our children among us, that they may grow in wisdom, in stature and in favor both with thee and with men. (*Luke* 2:52.)

Minister and People together.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, our Strength in weakness, our Refuge in storm and tempest, our Refuge in the day of trouble.

ADORATION.

It is very meet and right, both seemly and our bounden duty, in all things and through all things, at all times and in all places and ways, in every season, every spot, always, everywhere, altogether; to remember thee; to worship thee; to confess to thee; who of all that is, art the Maker and Nourisher, the Guardian, Governor and Preserver, the Benefactor and the Perfecter, the Master and Father; the King and God; the Fountain of Life and Immortality; the Treasure of the good things which are eternal; whom the heavens praise with hymns and the heavens of the heavens, the angels and all the heavenly powers crying continually one unto another, and we too with them, lowly and unworthy beneath their feet:

(*Chanted.*) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. (*Is.* 6: 3.)

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Blessed be the glory of the Lord from this place. — AMEN. (*Ezek.* 3: 12.)

(*Revised from the Ancient Litany.*)

(The bracketed responses may be omitted.)

Minister. O God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee:

People. **O God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.**

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people:

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness:

[Good Lord, deliver us.]

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul; from the deceits of the world, and from the counsels of the ungodly; from dark and crooked ways, and from all error and prejudice; from hardness of heart, and from contempt of thy word and commandment:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy love revealed in Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour; by the mystery of his holy Incarnation; by his cross and passion; by his obedience unto death; by his risen and exalted life:

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in every day of judgment:

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy Holy Church universal in the right way:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshiping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, the President of the United States, and all governors and magistrates:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to illuminate all ministers of religion with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to bless all righteous rulers, and that they may rule over the nations in true piety and order:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all thy people:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace and concord:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to give them the victory over all temptations:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to succor, help and comfort all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children, and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to defend and provide for fatherless and motherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them:

[We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive all our sins, negligences

and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy and blessed will:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O God, Merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that the evils of this world may be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we, thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks in thy Holy Church. AMEN.

O Lord, arise, help us and deliver us for thy name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them:

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we

most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in pureness of living, to thy honour and glory:

AMEN.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

Minister. Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgiving for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them*]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord:

People. AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER.

Minister and People. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

AMEN.

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BENEDICTION.

Baptismal Service

Our Lord Jesus Christ when upon earth said unto his apostles, "All authority hath been given

unto me, in heaven and on earth." "Go ye therefore into all the world and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "Whosoever receiveth one such little child *into my name* receiveth me."

In obedience to the command of our Lord and Saviour, we receive this child to the ordinance of Christian baptism, in token that he [she] is to be trained as his disciple in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and with the hope and prayer that he will make him [her] his disciple indeed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

By the name of ..... we baptize this child into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

PRAYER.

O Lord our God, our fathers' God, thou art our children's God. Thy promises are to us and to our children. It is thy good providence that hath built us up into families. We thank thee for the children thou hast graciously given thy servants, whom they now dedicate to thee, recognizing thee as the Father of their spirits, the Redeemer of their lives, the Inspirer of all

holy desires and good purposes. Enable these children, as they become capable, to make it their own act and deed by giving themselves unto the Lord. Give these children good capacity of mind and good dispositions. May they incline betimes to religion and virtue. Give thy servants wisdom and grace to bring them up in thy fear and love. Prosper them in all goodness, and after the education and discipline of earth, may this whole family be united in the glorified life of thy redeemed people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Now to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that great and sacred name into which we and our children are baptized, be honor and glory for ever. AMEN.[1]

Offertory Sentences

So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (*Matt.* 5:16.)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. (*Matt.* 6:19, 20.)

[1] Adapted from Matthew Henry's Method of Prayer.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. (*Matt.* 7: 12.)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (*Matt.* 7: 21.)

Zacchæus stood and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. (*Luke* 19: 8.)

What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? (1 *Cor.* 9: 7.)

If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? (1 *Cor.* 9: 11.)

Know ye not that they which minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they which wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. (1 *Cor.* 9: 13, 14.)

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as

he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 *Cor.* 9:6, 7.)

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (*Gal.* 6:6, 7.)

Concerning the collection for the saints, . . . upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper. (1 *Cor.* 16:1, 2.)

As we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith. (*Gal.* 6:10.)

Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (*Mal.* 3:10.)

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the day of evil. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth. (*Ps.* 41:1, 2.)

Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord,

come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings. (2 *Chron.* 29: 31.)

And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. (*Deut.* 26: 10.)

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. (*Prov.* 3: 9.)

Beware lest . . . thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swear unto thy fathers. (*Deut.* 8: 11, 17, 18.)

Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. (*Eph.* 5: 1, 2.)

Communion Service

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now, in the presence of all his people.

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Let us pray.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest listen to my cry, but relying upon thy loving-kindness, I draw near to thy table; a sick man, to the Physician of life; a blind man, to the light of eternal brightness; poor, to the Lord of heaven and earth; naked, to the King of Glory; a sheep to its Shepherd; a creature to its Creator; desolate, to the loving Comforter; miserable, to the merciful; a criminal, to the Giver of pardon; ungodly, to the Justifier; pardoned, to the Infuser of grace; beseeching thine exuberant and infinite mercy, that it may please thee to heal our weakness, to wash our foulness, to enlighten our blindness, to enrich our poverty, to clothe our nakedness, to bring us back from our wanderings, to console our desolation, to reconcile our guiltiness, to give pardon to all sinners, life to the dying, and the riches of thy Holy Spirit to the weary and heavy laden. Through this holy sacrament may we be enabled to receive thee, the Bread of Life, with such chastity of body and purity

of mind, such contrition of heart, such spiritual gladness and heavenly joy, such faith and humility, such devotion and thanksgiving as are due and meet; so that we may receive remission of sins and renewed hope of life eternal; for thy great Name's sake. AMEN.[1]

Or this,

In remembrance, O Holy Father, of thy unspeakable love and thy divine commandment, we bring thee sinful but thankful hearts, and present ourselves unto thee as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ; these defiled bodies, that they may be consecrated by thy power to be instruments of righteousness and temples of the Holy Ghost; our souls and spirits, that thou thyself, by thy Spirit, mayest abide therein; our hearts, that thy peace may reign in them and the fire of thy divine love may fill them, to the destruction and consuming of all self-will, all anger and hatred, and all ungodly passions; finally, this mortal life, with all the gifts and faculties that we have received from thy Fatherly goodness, that they, being renewed by thy grace, may serve also thy will and glory. By thy divine working within us may we be conformed to the spirit and mind of our Ascended and Sovereign Lord. For

[1] Modified from St. Thomas Aquinas.

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his sake, O Lord, our heavenly Father, we devoutly offer ourselves on the altar which sanctifieth every gift, and pray thee to accomplish in us a full and perfect dedication of ourselves to thee in all useful and holy service, according to the revelation of thy blessed will. AMEN.[1]

Or this,

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ALL STATES AND CONDITIONS OF MEN.

We join with thy Church, and plead the merits of thy sacrifice, for all estates and conditions of men; that none may deprive themselves of that happiness which thou hast purchased by thy death; for all Christian rulers, for all pastors and other ministers in thy Church, that they may preserve the sacred rights committed to their trust: for all that strive to propagate thy Gospel; for a primitive zeal in all that fear thy name; for all that sit in darkness, are in error, or are destitute of necessary means of instruction; for all that sincerely seek the truth; for all sinners, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds; for all that are in adversity; for all that suffer wrongfully, or that are deprived of their just rights; for all that are in pain of body, or

[1] Richard Rothe.

anguish of mind and spirit; for all that are tempted, or in danger of falling into despair; for all that are in slavery, under persecution, in prison, or in poverty; for all persons and places in distress by the sword, pestilence and famine; for all that are in their last sickness, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with God; for all widows and fatherless children; for all that call upon God, and have none else to help them; for this land and this church, that the Lord may avert the judgments which we justly deserve; for our friends, our relations, our benefactors, and for our enemies; for all that have desired our prayers, and for the whole mystical body of Christ: beseeching the Almighty God, the Creator and Redeemer of all, to have mercy upon all whom he has made and redeemed, and to give unto all grace and help, according to the necessities they labor under, for thy sake, O Lord Jesus, to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever. AMEN.[1]

RESPONSES.

Minister. Jesus said, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love

[1] Rt. Rev. Thomas Wilson.

the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself:

People. **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep these laws.**

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. In my Father's house are many mansions:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the faith of Christ.

If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the love of Christ.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the peace of Christ.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's

commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the joy of Christ. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister read the following words:

The Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Then shall the Minister say when he delivereth the bread:

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was broken for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

When he delivereth the cup:

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

Prayers for Special Occasions

ADVENT.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, this grace unto thy people, to wait with all vigilance for the glorious appearance of thine Only-begotten Son, that as he, the Author of our salvation, taught us, we may prepare our souls like burning lamps to meet him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

O God, who didst look on man when he had fallen down into death, and didst resolve to redeem him by the advent of thine Only-begotten Son, grant, we beseech thee, that they who confess his glorious incarnation may also be admitted to the fellowship of him, their Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

CHRISTMAS.

Grant, O Merciful Father, that he who was born at this time to be the Saviour of the world, as he is the Author of our divine birth, so may be himself the Bestower of our Immortality; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[3]

[1] Gelasian. [2] Ambrosian. [3] Leonine.

Merciful and Most Loving God, by whose will and bounty Jesus Christ our Lord humbled himself that he might exalt the whole race of man, and descended to the depths for the purpose of lifting up the lowly and restoring in man the lost celestial image; grant that thy people may cleave unto thee in love and hope, that as thou hast redeemed them by thy bounty, they may ever please thee by devoted service; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

We beseech thee, O Lord, let our hearts be graciously enlightened by the holy radiance of thy Son's incarnation; that so we may escape the darkness of this world, and by his guidance attain to the country of eternal brightness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[2]

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

Almighty God, lover of man, tender and pitiful, let the darkest, saddest hour in man's sad story so move our hearts that we may be humbled before thee. As the way to heights of exaltation is through the vale of humility, so help us from our own experience

[1] Gallican Sacramentary. [2] Ambrosian.

to know something of the inner secret of our Saviour's cross. Tender Father, in our evil days, in our sad and stricken hours, when words of fretfulness are on our tongues, have pity upon us. Help us when we go to the garden in the dark night and the cup is there, and the drink is bitterness. Help us though we say, "Let this cup pass from me," to try to say, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Then let the heavenly comforters come, and the spirit of joy be ours, the earth be gladsome, and the heavens shine, the night lose its dimness and the grave part with its gloom; for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.[1]

O Merciful God, who hast made all men and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldst the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all who are wandering in the wilds of error and darkness and sin. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.[2]

[1] Prayers by George Dawson. [2] Adapted from Anglican Liturgy.

For Easter Day.

O God, most mighty and most merciful, we thank thee for this day; for the door of the sepulcher opened, that man may see that the grave is not abiding. We thank thee that without us is the freshness and fragrance of earth, that the stone is being rolled away from the sepulcher of nature. We thank thee for the glorious hope within, promise of future glory. Grant that our spirits may break forth into glorious bloom. Grant that we may have part in the blessed sacrifice of Christ, that we may also have part in the triumph of his resurrection; for his great Name's sake. Amen.[1]

Whit-Sunday.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the splendor of thy brightness may shine within us, and the light of thy Light confirm with the illumination of the Holy Spirit the hearts of those who have been born from above; through thy grace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[2]

O God, who by the mystery of this day's festival dost sanctify thy universal Church in every race and nation, shed abroad throughout the whole world the gifts of the Holy Spirit; that

[1] Adapted from Dawson's Prayers. [2] Gregorian (modified).

the work wrought by divine goodness at the first preaching of the Gospel may now also be extended among believing hearts everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.[1]

Benedictions

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. AMEN.

ADORATION.

Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. AMEN. (*Jude* 24, 25.)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 *Cor.* 13: 14.)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. AMEN. (*Phil.* 4: 7.)

[1] Gelasian.

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